

# **EXHIBIT 15**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
C. STEVEN McDANIEL )  
FRANK M. RAUSHEL ) Group Art Unit: 1814  
JAMES R. WILD )  
Serial No.: 07/928,540 ) Examiner: C. Low  
Filed: August 13, 1992 ) Attorney Docket: TAMK145/KAM  
For: RECOMBINANT ORGANO- )  
PHOSPHOROUS ACID ANHY- )  
DRASE AND METHODS OF USE )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED DECEMBER 6, 1993**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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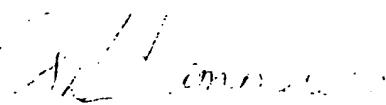
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A response to the pending Office Action dated December 6, 1993 for the above-captioned application was due March 6, 1994. Attached to this paper is a Request for Extension of Time to extend the time for response for three months to June 6, 1994. In lieu of filing a response to the pending Office Action, a file wrapper continuation application is being filed this date.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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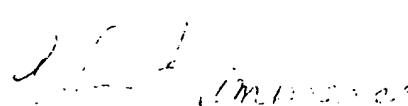
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Applicants respectfully request that the time for response to the Office Action  
mailed December 6, 1993 be extended for three months so that the response becomes due on  
June 6, 1994 rather than the presently set date of March 6, 1994.

Accompanying this request is a check in the amount of \$420.00 to satisfy the  
required fee to process an extension of time for response within the third month. A Declaration

Claiming Small Entity Status has previously been filed with this case, entitling Applicants to reduced fees. If the check is inadvertently not attached to this correspondence or is insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Account No. 01-2508, Order No. TAMK145/KAM.

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